

Friday, March 10, 1995

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3761–S3821

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 529–541, and S. Res. 87. Page S3803

Measures Passed: 0

Authorizing Senate Chamber Photo: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber of the United States Senate. Page S3818

(The official picture of the Senate in session will be taken by the National Geographic Society on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, at 2:15 p.m.)

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations/Defense: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, with certain excepted committee amendments, and the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S3774–76, S3781–S3801

Pending:

Bumpers Amendment No. 330, to restrict the obligation or expenditure of funds on the NASA/Russian Cooperative MIR Program. Page S3774

Kassebaum Amendment No. 331 (to committee amendment beginning on page 1, line 3), to limit funding of an Executive order that would prohibit Federal contractors from hiring permanent replacements for striking workers.

Pages S3774–76, S3781–94, S3800–01

A second motion was entered to close further debate on Kassebaum Amendment No. 331, listed above and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, March 14, 1995. Page S3801

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Monday, March 13, 1995, with a vote on the pending cloture motion to occur at 5:30 p.m. Page S3819

Appointments:

Senate Arms Control Observers Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by S. Res. 280, adopted October 8, 1994, announced the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate Arms Control Observers Group: Senators Chafee, Warner, Cochran, Nickles, Smith, Snowe, and Kyl. Page S3801

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Daniel Robert Glickman, of Kansas, to be Secretary of Agriculture. Page S3821

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Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 5:05 p.m., until 12:30 p.m., on Monday, March 13, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S3819.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—OSTP/NSF

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from John Gibbons, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Neal Lane, Director, National Science Foundation; and Mary Ann Fox, Vice Chairman, National Science Board.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 16.

MEXICAN ECONOMY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine the economic situation in Mexico and United States efforts to stabilize the peso, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence H. Summers, Under Secretary for International Affairs, both of the Department of the Treasury; Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Jack Kemp, Empower America, Washington, D.C.; and Paul A. Volcker, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control and Risk Assessment held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-

sponse, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund), receiving testimony from Carol M. Browner, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; J. Winston Porter, Waste Policy Center, Sterling, Virginia; Edwin H. Clark II, Clean Sites, Inc., Alexandria, Virginia; Michael Steinberg, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, on behalf of the Hazardous Waste Cleanup Project, John C. Shanahan, Heritage Foundation, Don R. Clay, Don Clay Associates, Inc., and Katherine N. Probst, Resources for the Future, all of Washington, D.C.; and Lloyd S. Dixon, RAND Corp., Santa Monica, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee continued hearings on proposals to reform the national welfare system, receiving testimony from Donna E. Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 14.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirteen public bills, H.R. 12011213; and four resolutions, H.J. Res. 78, H. Con. Res. 38; and H. Res. 113114, were introduced.

Pages H3048–49

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as followed:

H. Res. 107, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourth Congress, amended (H. Rept. 10474); and

H.R. 999, to establish a single, consolidated source of Federal child care funding; to establish a program to provide block grants to States to provide nutrition assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals and families and to establish a program to provide block grants to States to provide school-based food services to students; and to restrict alien eligibility for certain education, training, and other programs, amended (H. Rept. 10475, Part 1).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Bonilla to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Paperwork Reduction: House passed S. 244, to further the goals of the Paperwork Reduction Act to have Federal agencies become more responsible and publicly accountable for reducing the burden of Federal paperwork on the public.

Pages H2994–H3015

Agreed to the Clinger motion to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the text of H.R. 830, a similar House-passed bill. House then insisted on its amendment to S. 244, and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Clinger, Meyers of Kansas, McHugh, McIntosh, Fox of Pennsylvania, Collins of Illinois, Peterson of Minnesota, and Wise.

Pages H3009–15, H3027

Product Liability: By a recorded vote of 265 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 229, the House passed H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation.

Pages H3015–27

Rejected the Gordon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to restore provisions to require foreign manufacturers to appoint an agent to receive service of process in the United States; and change the limit on punitive damages to three times the amount of damages awarded to the claimant for economic loss on which the claimant's action is based, or \$1 million, whichever is less (rejected by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 228).

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Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order under the rule.

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Rejected: The Schumer amendment that sought to provide for a 5-year sunset on provisions, unless the Commerce Department certifies to Congress not later